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NEWS RELEASE

FCC AND USCG JOIN FORCES TO TRACK DOWN
HOAX DISTRESS CALLER (Report No. CI 96-1,
Compliance and Information Action)

The FCC and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), on February 12, combined forces to locate a man who was making false distress calls to the Coast Guard over his marine band VHF-FM radio. FCC agents tracked the radio signal to the man's home in Arnold, MD, from where he was making false distress calls and operating a marine band radio without an FCC license. These violations could result in both civil and criminal penalties up to \$10,000 and one year in jail per violation. In cases of false distress calls in which water and air resources are deployed, the caller can be held responsible for all costs associated with the search and rescue effort.

Contact: FCC agent Catherine Minderlein at (301) 725-0940; USCG Lieutenant Claudia Gelzer at (410) 576-2660.

COMMISSION AFFIRMS FORFEITURES ASSESSED
AGAINST VERNON A. PAROLI (GRETNA, LA) AND
JOHN B. GENOVESE (NEW ORLEANS, LA) FOR
INTERFERENCE WITH AMATEUR RADIO
COMMUNICATIONS (Report No. CI 96-2, Compliance
& Information Action)

Action by the Commission February 16 by MO&Os
(FCC 96-72 and 96-73).

News Media contact: Rochelle Cohen at (202) 418-0500; CIB contact: Douglas Cooper at (202) 418-1167.
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** COMMISSION APPROVES ORDER AND NOTICE
OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING REGARDING
SCRAMBLING OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT ADULT
VIDEO SERVICE PROGRAMMING - DC DOCKET 96-40
(Report No. DC 96-20, Action in Docket Case)

The Commission has approved and Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) (FCC 96-84) adopting a rule affecting sexually explicit adult programming or other indecent programming provided on any channel of service dedicated to sexually-oriented programming. The Order and NPRM implement Section 505 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 which adds a new Section 641 to the Communications Act.

News Media contact: Morgan Broman at (202) 416-0852; Cable Services Bureau contact: Meryle S. Icove

at (202) 416-0800.

COMMISSION AND CONTINENTAL CABLEVISION, INC. NEGOTIATE A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THEIR SOCIAL CONTRACT; COMMISSION REQUEST PUBLIC COMMENT (Report No. CS 96-15, Cable Services Action)

News Media contact: Morgan Broman at (202) 416-0852; Cable Services Bureau contacts: John Norton and Jerome Fowlkes at (202) 416-0800.

** DAVID ELLEN MOVING TO POLICY AND PROGRAM PLANNING DIVISION OF COMMON CARRIER BUREAU TO BE SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR LEGISLATION IMPLEMENTATION

PUBLIC NOTICES

AMENDMENT TO SOCIAL CONTRACT FOR CONTINENTAL CABLEVISION, INC. AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT - Contact: John Norton at (202) 418-1035 or Jerome Fowlkes at (202) 418-2235

PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON BELLSOUTH CORPORATION'S PETITION FOR WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION'S COMPUTER III RULES FOR REVERSE SEARCH CAPABILITY - CC DOCKET NO. 90-623 - Comments are due March 20, replies March 27 - Contact: Janice Myles at (202) 418-1577 [DA 96-296]

RESTRICTED PROCEEDING - The Office of Engineering & Technology has received a complaint against Capital Broadcasting Systems, Inc. asking, inter alia, for the revocation of the license of Experimental Station KF2XBF.

Report No. SPB-39 - SATELLITE POLICY BRANCH INFORMATION: DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE SERVICE APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING - Petitions or oppositions by April 5, responses by April 19

TEXTS

INTERACTIVE VIDEO AND DATA SERVICE (IVDS). Denied Jan Reed's and Edward Johnson's applications for review of a Bureau order denying petitions filed by Reed in the matter of 18 applicants selected to receive licenses in nine IVDS markets. (By MO&O [FCC 96-57] adopted February 13 by the Commission)

VISALIA, CA. Denied the NAACP's petition to deny the renewal application of Pampas Telecasting Incorporated for Station KMPH(TV), Visalia, CA; dismissed the petition to deny filed by the League of United Latin American Citizens; granted the license renewal application of Station

KMPH(TV). (By M0&0 [FCC 96-46] adopted February 5 by the Commission)

KEWANEE, IL. Effective April 22, substituted Channel 230A for Channel 221A at Kewanee, and modified the license of WJRE(FM) accordingly. (MM Docket No. 95-160 by R&O [DA 96-253] adopted February 26 by the Chief, Allocations Branch, Mass Media Bureau)

CANTON, IL, AND CANTON, MO. Proposed substituting Channel 265C2 for Channel 265C3 at Canton, MO, and modifying the license of KRRY accordingly; substituting Channel 252A for vacant Channel 265A at Canton, IL, to accommodate the proposal for Canton, MO; sought comment on deletion of Channel 265A at Canton, IL. Comments are due April 29, replies May 14. (MM Docket No. 96-32 by NPRM [DA 96-218] adopted February 21 by the Chief, Allocations Branch)

CHESTER AND RICHMOND, VA. Proposed substituting Channel 266A for Channel 289A at Chester, and modifying the construction permit of WDYL(FM); substituting Channel 289A for vacant but applied for Channel 266A in Richmond. Comments are due April 29, replies May 14. (MM Docket No. 96-29 by NPRM [DA 96-231] adopted February 22 by the Chief, Allocations Branch)

ANTIGO, WI. Proposed allotting UHF television Channel 46 to Antigo as its first local television service. Comments are due April 29, replies May 14. (MM Docket No. 96-30 by NPRM [DA 96-238] adopted February 22 by the Chief, Allocations Branch)

WITTENBERG, WI. Proposed allotting UHF television Channel 55 to Wittenberg as its first local television service. Comments are due April 29, replies May 14. (MM Docket No. 96-31 by NPRM [DA 96-239] adopted February 23 by the Chief, Allocations Branch)

JACKSON, WY. Effective April 22, allotted Channel 227C to Jackson as its third FM service. The filing window opens April 22, closes May 23. (MM Docket No. 95-171 by R&O [DA 96-250] adopted February 28 by the Chief, Allocations Branch)

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ADDENDA: The following items released March 5 were not listed on Digest 36:

NEWS RELEASE

FCC DESIGNATES FOR HEARING APPLICATIONS OF
LIBERTY CABLE CO., INC. FOR OPERATION OF
PRIVATE OPERATIONAL FIXED MICROWAVE
SERVICE IN NEW YORK, NY - WT DOCKET NO. 96-
41 (Report No. DC 96-19, Action in Docket Case)
Action by the Commission March 4 by Hearing
Designation Order and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

(FCC 96-85).

News Media contact: Kara Palamaras at (202) 418-0654; Wireless Telecommunications Bureau contact: Joseph Weber at (202) 418-1317. [Internet file name nrw16009.txt]

PUBLIC NOTICE

Report No. 23687A - BROADCAST APPLICATION

TEXTS

ALASCOM, INC. Granted Alascom's request for an extension of time to March 11 to file its reply comments on the revised cost allocation plan. (By Order [DA 96-294] adopted March 5 by the Chief, Accounting and Audits Division, Common Carrier Bureau)

LIBERTY CABLE CO., INC. See first item under
ADDENDA: "News Release."

PRACTICAL TELEPHONY CORPORATION (PIC).
Conditionally granted PIC's request for a waiver of the
rules to offer a device that detects the presence of a stutter
dial tone. (By Order [DA 96-295] adopted March 5 by the
Chief, Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau)

** DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES. Initiated
proceeding to establish dispute resolution procedures
regarding equipment standards. (GC Docket No. 96-42 by
NPRM [FCC 96-87] adopted March 5 by the Commission)

